

# STATE OF NEVADA



## COMMISSION ON ETHICS COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE NRS 281A.440.3

**COMMISSION PANEL: JIM KOSINSKI, ESQ. AND GEORGE KEELE, ESQ.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION  
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF  
OSCAR GOODMAN, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas**

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**Request for Opinion  
No. 06-42**

The following allegations were submitted in the Request for Opinion: In the late 1980s, Mr. Goodman was resident agent for the corporation that owned the *Crazy Horse Too* gentlemen's club. In 2003, Mr. Goodman received \$40,000 in re-election campaign contributions from those associated with the gentlemen's club. From 2002 to mid-2006, Mr. Goodman refused to take disciplinary action against the privileged liquor license held by the gentlemen's club because of his prior professional and business relationships with the owner and the manager of the club. When a complaint for disciplinary action regarding possible revocation of the club's business license came before the Las Vegas City Council in July 2006, Mr. Goodman attempted to allow a resolution of the matter out of public view. At a press conference held in July 2006, Mr. Goodman stated that he would vote to keep the gentlemen's club open. Mr. Goodman had a conflict of interest in the matter when it came before the city council because his former law partner represented an executive of the gentlemen's club.

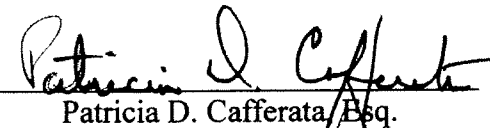
The Nevada Commission on Ethics has jurisdiction to render a decision in this matter, pursuant to NRS 281A.280 and NRS 281A.440.2(b).

On December 12, 2007, the Commission Panel reconvened to review the additional information and related documents requested during its previous proceeding on October 18, 2007. The Panel concluded that no credible evidence exists regarding the allegations. No evidence exists to indicate that Mr. Goodman used his position to influence the outcome of any complaints received against the gentlemen's club. Mr. Goodman did not receive a disproportionate amount of campaign contributions that

would tend improperly to influence a reasonable person in his position to depart from the faithful and impartial discharge of his public duties. During the July city council meeting, the Las Vegas City Attorney advised Mr. Goodman that he acted as resident agent of the gentlemen's club twenty years prior, and due to the passage of time, no conflict of interest existed. Mr. Goodman did not violate the ethics in government law when he made statements at a press conference. The actions ultimately taken by Mr. Goodman regarding the gentleman's club were taken during the city council's public meetings. When Mr. Goodman discovered that his former law partner was representing an executive of the gentlemen's club, Mr. Goodman disclosed his relationship and abstained from voting on the matter.

Therefore, the Request for Opinion is DISMISSED with regard to the allegations concerning NRS 281A.400.1 and NRS 281A.400.2.

DATED: December 14, 2007.

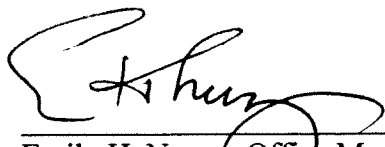
  
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I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause on RFO 06-42 in an envelope and caused same to be delivered via United States Postal Service delivery (through the Nevada State Mail Room) as follows:

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